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EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposals from the States for the empowerment of women farmers in the agriculture sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a): Yes, Madam. Under the Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojna (MKSP), the Government has been receiving proposals from the States to meet specific needs of women farmers and to achieve their socio-economic & technical empowerment.

(b): Funding support to the tune of 75% (90% for North Eastern States) for such projects is provided by the Government of India. During 2012-13, 42 projects were received from the States under agriculture stream of MKSP.

(c): The Ministry of Rural Development has sanctioned 46 projects from 13 States (namely Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Assam, Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan and West Bengal) under agriculture stream of Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP) covering 23,71,670 numbers of women farmers since inception of MKSP in 2010-11.